

Friday eve
Aug. 10th 1945

Dearest Sweetheart,

Another banner day finds me quite happy and literally walking on air. What an effect your letters and the latest wonderful news has upon baby and me. Waiting for that official announcement of the ending of the Japanese war keeps us all on pins and needles and it may be only hours away. Just finished listening to Cecil Browne and quoting him at the end of his broadcast — "the war is at the door of Seize" makes to-day the beginning of happier days. Oh, darling, how I wish we were together to celebrate. I must admit this sweating out period is most distressing.

Weather is really beautiful all this week and it looks as though we'll acquire those sun-tans I spoke about 6 weeks ago. We're all fine and Jimmy is surely growing fast and furious. He sure has a quick mind and knows how to answer pronto. Just wait and be amazed to hear and all Georgie, fir. To-day Eleanor fed him and relieved me of that monotonous chore but she talked herself dry. Plenty of mail arrived today and your \$40.00 (July 6th) remittance through the war finance plus that \$5.00 settled for a claim from the post office (Belgium vase) Here's the list of letters received — July 24th via mail, July 31st via, literary and your ETO ribbon sent July 26th, cards from Ling sent July 17th and Frankie's 3 letters dated July 3, July 15th and July 7th. I also received a letter from Frank addressed to Brooklyn and forwarded here.

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As you know by now, your letters are the treasures of
this whole deal and I do draw many benefits from
each one. Had much pleasure reading your long letters of the
28th and 31st and am always happy to know you're well-
and only homesick. Am thrilled about that moving picture
camera you mentioned and hope it comes through O. K. - don't
forget to insure it. What's the story behind it, darling? It
must be so boring for you to watch those old, crummy
pictures but you spice up each movie trip so much
that I imagine there's some fun attached to every
show. Am glad you've had a peep at some American girls
at last and that the show they gave was enjoyable.
Don't worry about getting more American friends, just
be careful and stay well. And relax about the folks,
for I'm more positive now - more than ever that
Bob will not see action and may not even leave the
States. ^{Pop} Heyes he was born under a lucky star and
mom^{and} should feel a thousand pounds lighter from now
on. You're still the cream of the crop and I guess
I'll turn out to be the black sheep one we all
get together again. But then I have many reasons,
and the war too has had an effect upon me. Hope
you knock a lot of silly stuff out of my head next week -
especially my weird imagination. Above all, this, dear,
I love you with all my heart and that's something that'll
stay with me until the end of my days.

I mailed those stamps you requested to day
first class mail and also mailed that package with
the food-stuffs. Again I inquired about the rates and
poundage allowed to Belgium and have already made up

a 10th pound carton for 2 marks, our Belgian friend.
It contains 2 lbs. of A.P. coffee, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. cocoa, 2 - 1 lb 2 oz cans of
baked beans with pork, 1 can of Black Bean Soup, 2 cakes of Sweetheart soap,
1 can of peppered snails and 1 lb of Kraft caramels. Am afraid
the postage (14¢ per lb) almost cost as much as all the food,
but eventually the rates will be lowered. Will also insert
it and the next parcel will contain clothing. Long to
inquire about the sizes of their shoes and I'll see
what I can get together from all the family. Frank's
letter to me is really a honey and I'll make sure to answer
it soon. He's very fond of you, darling, and I don't
wonder. You sure have me under your spell, too.
It would be nice to make a trip to Belgium just to
see these people who've been so warm hearted and
generous to my beloved. Bless them.

We all enjoyed reading the literature you sent and
the picture post cards. Salzburg was a good looking town and I hope
some things have been left intact for you to enjoy. If you're
around Salzburg at the time of the concert, try not to
miss it and I'll be there with you in spirit. I can
feel your hand upon mine already.

Will bank those 2 checks received today and my
expenses this summer aren't amounting to too much. If
you aren't home soon, I'll stay on here as long as possible for
Jim is benefitting daily from all this clean air.

Good-bye, my love and to-morrow - I'll write more.
Jim and I love you so very much, talk and dream of you
constantly and wish that reunion table that soon. Stay well.
My love and devotion to you, hugs and kisses from Jim and the
family sends their best wishes.
Yours forever,
Florence

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